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SUBJ: ANGOLA: REACTION TO HOUSE VOTE STILL AWAITED

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1. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO EXPLICIT REACTION IN ZAIRIAN
MEDIA TO JAN 27 HOUSE VOTE ON AID TO ANGOLA. HOWEVER, ELIMA
EDITORIAL JAN 29 ADDRESSED ISSUE INDIRECTLY BY EXPRESSING
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DISMAY RE U.S. INABILITY TO STAND UP TO SOVIET CHALLENGES.

2. ENTITLED "SIGN OF THE TIMES", EDITORIAL RECALLS OPPOSITION TO U.S. POLICIES IN NEAR EAST, VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, STATING THAT USSR--AS COUNTERVAILING SUPERPOWER--HAD BEEN SEEN AS MUTUAL ALLY IN ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRATEGY. DEFEAT IN VIETNAM HAS TRAUMATIZED AMERICANS, AND U.S. DIPLOMACY NO LONGER ENJOYS NATIONAL SUPPORT. PROFITING FROM DISARRAY IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, SOVIETS SEIZED ANGOLA AS OCCASION TO MAKE FIRST OPEN CHALLENGE. AMERICAN CONGRESS, EDITORIAL GOES ON, IN NEUTRALIZING EXECUTIVE, HAS BROKEN THE EQUILIBRIUM ESSENTIAL TO WORLD PEACE. INTERNATIONAL PRESS, TRY AS IT MIGHT, WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN EQUATING AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT WITH SCANDAL OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. BARE-FACED SOVIET IMPERIALISM IS SIGN OF THE TIMES. ENCOURAGED BY IMPORTENCE OF FORD ADMINISTRATION AND OF WEST GENERALLY, USSR TODAY REPRESENTS GREATEST DANGER TO INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRIES. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT DAY MAY COME WHEN, STRANGELY ENOUGH, PEOPLE OF ASIA AND AFRICA WILL APPEAL TO WEST TO FREE THEM FROM COMMUNIST IMPERIALISTS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXAMPLE, HOWEVER BITTER, IS CERTAINLY NOT THE ONLY PRECEDENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION OF ABOVE EDITORIAL, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA HAVE NEITHER REPORTED NOR COMMENTED ON HOUSE VOTE PER SE. THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO FACT THAT TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FROM WHOM GUIDANCE ON ISSUE OF THIS TYPE WOULD NORMALLY COME, HAVE ALL BEEN OUT OF TOWN DURING PAST WEEK. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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